Rise in prices of pulses

3386- SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what were the per kg. retail prices of major pulses such as black gram, pigeon peas, gram, lentil and green lentil as on 31st March, 1990, 31st December, 1990 1st April 1991 and 15th November, 1991, respectively;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to contain the soaring prices of the pulses; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government propose to arrange for distributing pulses through Public Distribution System also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) A statement (I) indicating the retail prices of Gram, Pigeon peas (Arhar split), Lentil (Masoor split) and Green Lentil (Moong split) as on 30-3-1990, 28-12-1990, 5-4-1991 and 13-9-1991 (Upto which variety wise retail prices are available) at selected centres is attached. *(See* below).

(b) and (c) With a view to contain the prices of pulses necessary measures have been taken to increase production of pulses in the countrty. A statement (II) indicating steps taken/being taken to increase the production of pulses in the country is attached *(See* below). Their availability is also being augmented by imports, as import of pulses is on Open General Licence. The State Governments/Union Territories Administrations were advised recently to include additional items of mass consumption, including pulses, for distribution to consumers through the Public Distribution System outlets.

Statement-I

Retail Prices of selected Items at selected Centres

(Rs. per kg.)

Commodity Centre	30-3-1990	28-12-90	5-4-1991	13-9-91
1	2	3	4	5
GRAM				
Hyderabad	8·30	9·75	8·75	10·00
Bombay	12·00	12·00	12·00	N.A.
Madras	10·00	10·50	10·00	10·00
Lucknow	8·00	9·00	9·00	9·00
Delhi	8·50	10·00	10·00	10·00
PIGEON PEAS (Arhar Split)				
Hyderabad	11·50	15·50	14·00	19·00
Bombay	11·00	18·00	17·00	..
Madras	12·00	15·00	16·00	20·00
Lucknow	10·00	17·00	14·50	18·00
Delhi	10·00	15·00	13·00	18·00

1	2	3	4	5
LENTIL (Masoor Split)				
Hyderabad	9·50	11·50	14·25	14·00
Bombay	10·00	12·00	14·00	..
Madras	10·00	11·00	16·00	14·00
Lucknow	9·00	10·50	12·00	12·00
Delhi	9·50	12·00	11·50	15·00
GREEN LENTIL (Moong Split)				
Hyderabad	11·50	11·00	11·00	12·00
Bombay	13·00	12·00	13·00	..
Madras	11·50	11·00	12·00	12·50
Lucknow	12·00	14·00	..	14·00
Delhi	11·50	12·00	12·50	13·00

(SOURCE Control Room of Ministry of C.S. and P.D.)

Statement-II

Steps taken/being taken to increase the production of pulses

For increasing the production of pul sese, two schemes, viz. Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Central Sector Special Food Production Programme— pulses (SFPP) are being implemented in the country. During 1991-92, the outlay is Rs. 21.00 crore and Rs- 6.00 crore, respectively. The amount under NPDP is to be met on 75:25 basis or. most of the components by the Central and State Governments, whereas 100 per cent expenditure is to be made by the Central Government under SFPP (pulses)- The NPDP is being implemented in 134 selected districts in the country. The crops covered under the Project are Arhar, Gram, Moong, Urad, Lentil and Peas. The Project provides for adoption of a dual approach by (i) increasing the area through multiple cropping and (ii) increasing productivity for unit area. Under this Project assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, plant protection measures, supply of improved farm implements and organising demonstrations to induce the farmers to take up cultivation of pulses with improved technology on large scale. Emphasis is also laid on the stage-wise production and distribution of seeds. Stress is given for the timely and proper use of inputs. Pulses have been included in the mandate of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds (and pulses). An integrated approach to crop production technology, farmers support services,' post harvest technology and price support/market intervention is being adopted to increase the productivity levels of pulses- The SFPP provides assistance for the control of Podborer, outworm and termite for Gram and Arhar crops. Assistance for encouraging the cultivation

of summer pulses is provided on the distribution of seeds.

3387. *[Transferred to the 19th December, 1991].*

Rent for private godowns

3388. SHRI M- M. HASHIM: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what was the rent paid by the Food Corporation of India for the private godowns all over the country during 1990-91;

(b) whether the Corporation has entered into long-term contracts for renting such godowns; and

(c) whether the Corporation is planning to increase the rent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Food Corporation of India has reported that they paid Rs-1554.58 lakhs as rent during the year 1990-91.

(b) FCI do not normally hire godowns on a long term basis from private parties.

(c) At present FCI do not propose to increase the rent.

चीनी का निर्यात

@3389. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न देशों को चीनी का निर्यात किया जाता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान कितनी चीनी का निर्यात किया गया और निर्यात का प्रति किलोग्राम मूल्य कितना था ; और

(ग) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान कितनी चीनी का आयात किया गया और किस मूल्य पर किया गया ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) राज्य व्यापार निगम/भारतीय चीनी एवं सामान्य उद्योग निर्यात-आयात निगम लि० द्वारा निर्यात की गई मात्रा तथा वित्तीय वर्ष 1986–87 से 1990–91 तक की अवधि के दौरान वसूल की गई प्रति किलोग्राम औसत कीमत (एफ०ओ० बी०) निम्न प्रकार है :—

	मात्रा (लाख मी० टन)	मात्रा (करोड़ रु०)	औसत कीमत वसूली (एफ०ओ०बी०) रुपये/प्रति कि० ग्राम
1986–87 . . .	0.34	18.48	5.45
1987–88 . . .	0.22	13.93	6.39
1988–89 . . .	0.32	20.33	6.39
1989–90 . . .	0.33	22.37	6.86
1990–91 . . .	0.65	51.91	7.99

@पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न 2628, 17 दिसम्बर, 1991 से स्थानांतरित ।